

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for capturing cost information over a network and for processing the information into a project accounting system, the system comprising:
  - a project accounting system adapted to store time and expense data associated with a project;
  - a user interface provided as a form accessible over a network by a user via a browser, the form comprising fields for data entry by the user, ~~and a button for electronic submission of the form, and embedded calls in the form;~~ and
  - a services application program interface (API) ~~API~~ adapted to invoke transactions with the project accounting system for processing data contained within the submitted form, wherein the embedded calls in the form comprise calls to the services API to invoke business rules for processing data contained within the submitted form ~~based on data contained in the submitted form.~~
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 and further comprising:
  - a server adapted to host the forms and to serve the forms to users according to business rules written in managed code.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the server is an active server page server and wherein the forms are active server page forms.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the form is a web-based ~~forms contain~~ form that contains embedded calls to the services API.
5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the services API is called using ~~NET~~ Web services.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the services API is called using remoting.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of capturing time and expense data into an accounting database via forms, the method comprising:

hosting forms on a server, each form being accessible to a user over a network via a browser and each form comprising:

data fields for user data entry;

an object ~~adapted to submit~~ for submitting the form when completed by the user; and

embedded server controls ~~adapted to invoke~~ for invoking business rules upon submission by the user, the business rules being written in managed code; and

processing submitted forms with a services application program interface (API) ~~API~~ according to the invoked business rules;

wherein the services API associates data contained in the submitted forms to entities in the accounting database.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the managed code is written to a common language runtime environment.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of hosting comprises:

storing a plurality of web forms on a web server wherein at least one of the plurality of web forms is a timesheet form; and  
providing at least one of the plurality of forms to the user over the network for display within a window of the Internet browser.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of processing comprises:  
processing data contained in the submitted form according to the business rules;  
and  
interacting with the accounting database according to the processed data and the business rules.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the step of interacting comprises:  
storing data in the accounting database.
15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the step of interacting comprises:  
querying the accounting database according to the processed data.
16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of querying returns a value for display in a form within a window of the browser.
17. (Currently Amended) A system for capturing time and expense information over a network and for processing the information into an accounting system, the system comprising:  
an accounting system adapted to store time and expense information;  
a plurality of web part forms adapted for user input over a network via a browser;  
and  
a services application program interface (API) for API-adapted-to  
implementimplementing and sequencesequencing business rules written in managed code to process the user input into the accounting system,

wherein the web part forms contain embedded calls to the services API to invoke transactions with the accounting system to process the user input into the accounting system, and wherein the business rules define steps for invoking an approval process for the user input within the accounting system; and

a server adapted to host the plurality of web part forms containing embedded calls to the services API and to serve the web part forms containing embedded calls to the services API to users on request.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the form is a web part form that includes embedded server controls.

22. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the business rules invoked by the embedded calls define a workflow process including at least an approval process for approving the data contained within the submitted form.

23. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the web part forms contain embedded server controls for calling the services API.

24. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the calls contained in the web part forms comprise embedded calls to the services API using remoting.

25. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the calls contained in the web part forms comprise embedded calls to the services API using Web services.